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The telegraph, through abolition reports, has been assuring us that negro regiments would be raised, armed and officered by white men. Some regiments were making ready in New York. Governor Sprague offered a black regiment. Jim Lane, of Kansas, was to start an entire brigade of darkies. He was going to enlist without regard to color, and the Kansas papers contained notices rallying colored men to the standard. General Hunter had already raised regiments of negroes, and in the fullness of his self-complacency sent an impatient reply to an inquiry made in Congress, avowing what he had done. All these proceedings were trumpeted with applause throughout almost the entire press of the dominant party. This mode of conducting the war was called vigorous. The organs seemed to feel a new inspiration of success when assured that Sambo, in full feather, was coming. Indeed, the chief of them assures us that without the help of the negro the cause of the Government is hopeless. The arrival of negro regiments was to be as propitious as the arrival of Blucher on the field of Waterloo. We, of the Border States, looked on with some concern to see if the white man was man enough to seduce the negro into his quarrel.

It is true that the Democratic press, and some of the Republican press, expressed their dissent from such doings, and their disgust at them; but they were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of the vigorous party, and the President, we were solemnly assured again and again, had joined the party of vigor, and was going to arm the whole negro race and hurl it upon Davis & Co. and smother them to death.

Whilst all this was flourishing, a man in Harrisburg, Pa., conceived the idea of testing the effect of the vigor. Perhaps he intended to make the policy look ridiculous as it was. So he got printed, in the office of the Union and Patriot, a hand-bill calling on the darkies to meet and form themselves into companies, battalions, regiments, &c., and advertising Jim Lane to be on hand to superintend the patriotic demonstration. Straight away white men became indignant, and assumed that the object was to keep white men from enlisting; the paper was suspended and the publishers put in limbo for this effort to deter white men from entering the service.

The accusation was a libel, of course. The whole pretended meeting and the presence of Jim Lane were fabrications that deceived nobody. The object was in this way to bring home to the minds of the people of Pennsylvania the folly and absurdity of arming the negroes in this contest.

If this hand-bill was calculated to prevent white men entering the service, and, therefore, justly subjected its authors to arrest and imprisonment, what ought to be done with General Hunter, and the members of the wrangling society at Washington, who applauded that impertinent letter of his? What ought to be done with the numerous telegraphic reporters who have been telling us daily of the design to arm negroes? What ought to be done with a whole pestilential crowd of editors who are daily pressing this negro arming upon the Government? Why is no one of these soundrels arrested? Why are the authors of this hand-bill selected for punishment? We think this discrimination is easily accounted for. The hand-bill had no effect at all upon enlistments; for it was a canard, and known to be such; but it did make Black Republicans ridiculous and contemptible; it showed before the eyes of the people the effect a cherished project of theirs would have. They, accordingly, felt sore. Party, not the country, was hurt, and called for vengeance.

Wm. L. Yancey has turned up again speech making. Yancey has been the pioneer in the rebellion. A discontented, disappointed, dissipated, unscrupulous demagogue, he had nothing to lose, and was the fit instrument to put forward what was the most prudent hesitated to avow. He was, at last, successful in starting this infernal rebellion, because it enlisted the ambition of a whole school of crafty, able politicians. He at last secured, not a majority of the people, but a majority of the active, energetic will of the second States.

Now he advises to make Jeff. Davis Dictator of the Confederacy. Of course this was with the consent of the head conspirators; otherwise he would not have dared to make such a proposition. Davis is now virtually Dictator. He is President for six years, but that does not satisfy his ambition. Nothing short of a crown will do, and Yancey is put forward to feel the pulse of the conspiracy. It is a propitious time to put forward such a proposition. The army is on hand to back it, and silence a disarmed and subdued people.

You can't subjugate the South, we are told. We shall see if we can't prevent its subjugation by a vile conspiracy headed by a man with hands stained with the blood of his kinsman. The people South were seduced, precipitated into an armed resistance, under the pretext of fighting for rights. To this deplorable end they have approached at last. We have often warned men of the consequences of resorting to the sword to obtain political rights. The sword, in such circumstances as we are involved in, always has two edges. Under the pretext of securing the slavery of the African race, these conspirators would make the white man the slave of a despot. Already what rights are left these Confeds? Neither their property nor their persons are safe; the latter are pressed into service, and the former is committed to the flames, by order of a military despotism; and now it is impudently proposed to sanction it all, and continue it, by putting formally the persons and property of the South into the hands of a Dictator.

THE EXEMPTION LAWS.—It is almost impossible, in the confused condition of the laws, to come to a full and exact understanding of the recent law upon the draft. Without having the full reports of the late action of Congress before us, and depending on a great measure upon our memory, we may state, first, that these laws were originally passed in 1792, at the time when the whisky insurrection was exciting the country, and were the basis for all of Mr. Lincoln's action in the first call for 75,000 men to suppress the insurrection, and his more recent calls. It is entitled, "An act to more effectually provide for the national defense by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States," and is dated May the 8th, 1792.

2. And that it further enacted, That the Vice President of the United States, the officers judicial and executive of the government of the United States; the members of both Houses of Congress, and their respective officers; all custom-house officers with their clerks; all post-officers, and stage drivers; all persons employed in the conveyance of the mail of the post office of the United States; all ferrymen employed at any ferry on the post road; all inspectors of exports; all pilots; all mariners actually employed in the sea service of any vessel of the United States; and all persons who now are or may hereafter be exempted by the laws of the respective States, shall be, and are hereby exempted from militia duty, notwithstanding their being above the age of eighteen, and under the age of forty-five years.

It will be seen that there are certain exemptions here which are confined, as we understand, under the late act of Congress. The special law under which the draft is made is dated July the 17th, 1862.

That whenever the President of the United States shall call forth the militia of the States, to be employed in the service of the United States, he may specify in his call the period for which such service will be required, not exceeding nine months; and the militia so called shall be mustered in and continue to serve for and during the term so specified, unless sooner discharged by command of the President.

If, by reason of defects in existing laws, or the execution of them in the several States, or any of them, it shall be found necessary to provide for enrolling the militia, and otherwise putting this act into execution, the President is authorized in such cases to make all necessary rules and regulations; and the enrollment of the militia shall in all cases include all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, and shall be apportioned among the States according to representative population.

The following persons are exempt under the United States law of 1862:

EXEMPTIONS.

1. The Vice President of the United States; the officers judicial and executive, of the Government of the United States;

2. The members of both Houses of Congress and their respective officers; customhouse officers and their clerks; inspectors of exports, pilots and ferrymen employed in the service of a citizen or merchant within the United States;

3. Postmasters, assistant postmasters, and their clerks; post officers, post riders, stage drivers, in the care and conveyance of the mail of the United States; ferrymen employed at any ferry on the post road; the artificers and workmen in the United States army at Springfield and the arsenal at Watertown.

The Kentucky State law of '62 makes the following exemptions:

CHAPTER 607.

AN ACT to amend the Militia Law.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That the Kentucky militia shall consist of all able-bodied free white male citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years resident in this State, and not exempted from serving in the militia by the laws of the United States or of this State, or subject to military duty within this State.

Sec. 2. In addition to the persons exempted by the laws of the United States the following persons shall be exempt from military duty:

1. The Lieutenant Governor.

2. The members of the Legislature during the term for which they were elected, and the terms for which they were elected, and the terms thereof during their meetings, and for fifteen days before and after each meeting.

3. The Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Register of the Land Office, Judges of the Court of Appeals, and the deputies and clerks in their respective offices.

4. The judges of circuit, county, quarterly, chancery, and police courts, and clerks, marshals, and the clerks of the respective courts.

5. Ministers and preachers of the gospel, teachers in all colleges, and teachers actually employed in academies and common schools.

6. Officers in the army and navy of the United States.

Any further particulars of the law would be too long for a newspaper article. We may say that there is some confusion between the State law and the Federal law, which can be readily corrected in a few moments' time by our Legislature, as soon as it is in session.

If our armies are not well-managed, it will not be for want of counselors. Every civil officer, every Congressman, and especially every editor, is a general. At every reverse there are a thousand critics to tell exactly why it happened, and how it might not have happened. Criticisms and speculations after the event are quite harmless to the public, and come too late for good, if there were any merit in them.

It is a clear case that our forces in Virginia have been mismanaged, and that Richmond still stands, not by the skill or strength of the enemy, but by our own blunders.

We know that McClellan advanced upon Richmond and was compelled to fall back. He must have credit for a skillful retreat, and no one can deprive him of the credit of that exploit; but masterly retreats do not answer the purpose. McClellan advanced to a position he could not hold; that is a fact, and how came he to do it? He has not said a word in reply to all the malignant attacks upon him; and that will count in his favor with an impartial public. It is said that when McClellan planned his expedition, and began its execution, he had at his disposal McDowell's division and the troops from Fortress Monroe, and that these were to make a flank movement, which was an indispensable part of the plan. Just when these forces were needed, they were taken from him by orders from Washington. McClellan still held on, and telegraphed for troops; more troops daily. Finding himself deceived, not to say betrayed, he was compelled to fall back. This statement makes a case not short of treason against somebody. The French Directory would have sent the author of such

orders to the guillotine in twenty-four hours.

By them we not only lost the opportunity to take Richmond and its army and end the contest; but we sacrificed fifteen or twenty thousand men. Congress had a committee on the conduct of the war, and one of them, perhaps guilty of aiding and abetting in these reasonable orders, made a villainous speech, garbling, distorting and complicating facts, in order to disparage McClellan. The public, however, have not all the facts and had best suspend judgment; but still the question is, who made this blunder before Richmond? Some day it will be answered; and now to the guilty official of the charge of removing the troops from McClellan at the very crisis of a well understood plan to capture Richmond.

The reports of another raid into this State by Morgan is only a means of distracting attention from Richmond. For the same purpose another raid may be attempted. Let Morgan try it over again, and see if he can repeat what he did before. He will find a very different reception.

After all, the effectual blow at guerrillas must be struck at Richmond. They derive their whole vitality from that source. Defeat and disperse the main army of the Confeds, and these marauders will disappear.

From Cumberland Gap.

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENN., August 8th, 1862.

Editors Democrat—Gentlemen: Ever since the Morgan raid into Kentucky the mail arrangement between this post and Lexington has been seriously out of order. It is at present somewhat better than it was a week or two ago, but still very imperfect. There are a great many men in this division and there are but a very few of that whole number but write more or less letters, and when they do write they look very anxiously for a reply from the dear ones at home. It is but about one hundred and twenty-five or thirty miles from here to Lexington, a great part of the road a good turnpike and the remainder not a bad road at this time of the year. So we think it "passing strange" that the arrangements cannot be made to have a regular, uninterrupted daily mail to this place. There is no excuse for a failure. A regular daily mail could be established at a very small expense, and it would be one to be benefited by such an arrangement. There is a regularly established postoffice here, to which the mail matter of all this portion of East Tennessee and Kentucky arrives and goes. It is distributed. There is a serious lack somewhere on the road. You will receive a paper to-day of the 30th, for instance, and to-morrow those of the 28th, 24th and 25th will arrive; perhaps for several days previous you will have received none at all. I watch this very closely here, and in a long letter distributed I often see letters mailed in Cincinnati and other post-offices, directed to different places in Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky, and by the pure carelessness of the distributing clerks, and in a long letter here, just to be sent back, and in a long letter to those concerned. These things should be looked into by those whose place it is to attend to them.

I have seen a notice of the melancholy affair of the firing into the gang and trace out on the Tazewell road, on the night of the 25th ult., in your issue of the 30th. Your informant was mistaken in relying. "Lieut. Col. Kegwin, of the Forty-ninth Indiana, was not shot through the hip, nor was Capt. Sidney Lyons, of the engineers corps; both of them only received some bruises from having been thrown from their horses. The affair was just as I informed you in my last. Their families and friends will be pleased to know that both of the above named gentlemen are as well as ever, and attending to their respective duties, and make this correction for the benefit of the numerous friends of both of the gentlemen, who reside just on the opposite side of the river from Louisville.

Lieut. Col. Kegwin is a brave and gallant officer and very much beloved by his men, who could ill afford to lose his valuable services just at this time. May he live to lead the brave and gallant Forty-ninth back to our sister city, covered with glory.

We have a good stock of Scotch prisoners on hand here again. They will accumulate somehow; so much so, that it is a great burden and expense to attend to their wants. The set we have on hand is mostly one; some very young, some middle aged, and some, one would suppose, judging from their white heads, old enough to know how to behave themselves by this time. Those of the rebel army are generally kept confined under a strict guard, whilst the civilians are permitted to roam about the place at will, with only a slight guard to look after them. There is one little matter I cannot understand—why it is if a man is an enemy of the United States Government, and sufficiently dangerous to put under arrest, that he should not either be sworn, paroled, or sent to Camp Chase, or somewhere else, for safe keeping. Our commanders are entirely too considerate and too lenient towards these traitors of our glorious Government. Many stringent measures should be adopted, and that at once. If men are not for us, they are against us; you may swear them, and put them on a parole of honor (a rebel's honor!) but they are sufficiently dangerous to be arrested and put under guard, they should be put out of the way of doing any further mischief during the remainder of the time the war lasts, and all they have got should be appropriated to the use of our soldiers and not to the maintenance of traitors from the raids of those who would give up everything to sustain and assist. There is not a rebel in existence but would give the last cent to such a rascal as John Morgan, if he was to come along with a sword and put under guard, paroled, and yet we, forsooth, when we get them into our grasp must treat them with the greatest of respect—treat them like brothers till they can get an opportunity to cut our throats. The kid-glove style of carrying on this war is about "played out" more energetic and stringent measures should be adopted, and that at once, or there will be no end to it. The country will be ruined to such an extent that it won't be worth the cost of saving. Let us adopt General John Pope's plan, and let us go it out to the letter. Make rebels feed us as we go, and hold them responsible for the conduct of their guerrilla friends, and to their account, too. If such measures are rigorously enforced, paroled traitors who are sworn and permitted to run loose would have a little more respect for their oath; for then the strict observance of it would be the only sure way to save their necks and everything else they have on earth.

The Twenty-sixth Brigade, Col. J. F. De Courcy commanding, left for Tazewell, and possibly Morristown, on Saturday morning, with 350 or 400 wagons on a foraging expedition. Forage is scarce on the Kentucky side of the river, and must be given our neighbors in Tennessee a call, and we hope they will be kind enough to share with us. Col. De Courcy is every inch an English gentleman, and will endeavor to act accordingly. But he went for hay and corn, and he took his brigade out of such similar expedition, when he went as far as Tazewell, got what he wanted, and re-

turned, making the trip in a little over two days, and only getting a glimpse of the enemy at a distance of two and a half or three miles, and then he went to the spot where he first saw them, when he got there, like the Irishman's flea, they were gone. This time he had penetrated—at last accounts—six miles further, when, on the evening of the 3d, he came upon about two hundred cavalry and six hundred infantry, who, after firing one round without effect, skedaddled southward. It is the Colonel's intention to remain with them till he takes away the six thousand bushels of corn he found in their camp, and as much more as he can find in the country round about there. The Fourteenth Regiment Kentucky Volunteers, Col. Cochran commanding, also accompanied the expedition, and is deployed along the road as pickets to act as a reserve, in case the enemy gets too much for De Courcy, which is not very likely, unless they come in overwhelming numbers.

Company A ("Marion Rifles") is at present detached from the regiment, and is doing duty on the Tazewell road. They were to have been sent to accompany the expedition, but we are at present doing a duty in which the company have done considerable praise for their efficiency and soldier-like bearing from those who are placed over them.

It affords the old members of this company considerable gratification to see that our old Captain, now Colonel, W. E. Woodruff, is again in the field, and is raising a regiment of infantry. Let the young men know him, as we do, there will be no hesitation in joining him; and he certainly is sufficiently known in the community in which he resides to raise a regiment that will be worthy of our gallant, brave, and chivalrous Captain. Let the young and brave men of our proud and beautiful city of Louisville rally around "Billy Woodruff" and the colors of our State and country, in whose hands they will never be dishonored, and where they will find a brave man in the field, and is raising a regiment of infantry. Let the young men know him, as we do, there will be no hesitation in joining him; and he certainly is sufficiently known in the community in which he resides to raise a regiment that will be worthy of our gallant, brave, and chivalrous Captain. 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